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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Stephen A. Holzen

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 19-28 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 19-28, 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 7/9/2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 15 under 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made over the applicant's prior art disclosure in view of Hertzberg (4,966,802) and further in view of ordinary skill in the art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's prior art disclosure in view of ordinary skill in the art and further in view of Hertzberg.

Re - Claim 15, 27, 28: The applicant discloses a connecting device, a fitting, a bearing, wherein the fitting is secured to a moveable part, the resin transfer molding method, and nylon interwoven with the fabric (9) to enhance the impact strength of the article produced (see Page 7, lines 7-13). The applicant does not disclose a fitting made of synthetic composite material and wherein said fitting is securing to movable part by gluing.

Art Unit: 3644

Hertzberg discloses that it is known to manufacture aircraft components with composite synthetic compositions.

The applicant's prior art disclosure in view of Hertzberg does not specifically disclose manufacturing a fitting made of a synthetic composite material. However it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to manufacture a fitting as a synthetic composite material since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. In re Leshin 125 USPQ 416.

Further it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to use adhesives to bond the fittings to a movable structure as taught by Hertzberg (see Col. 5, lines 8-40).

Re - Claims 19 and 20: the applicant's prior art disclosure teaches a device having a reactive material sewn or woven into the carbon fabric (see page 7, lines 7-13), wherein said reactive material is nylon (see page 7, lines 7-13).

Re - Claims 24 and 25: Hertzberg teaches that additional connecting means are well known in addition to gluing. (see Figure 7)

4. Claims 21, 22, 23 and 26 are is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's prior art disclosure as applied to claim 15 above, and further in view of Padden (EP 0 532 016 A1).

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Re - Claim 21, 26 As described above the applicant discloses every aspect of the applicant's invention except a recess provided in said movable part, said fitting being embedded in said recess. Padden discloses a recess provided in said movable part, said fitting being embedded in said recess (see Figure 1). It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to provide a recess in the movable part and to embed the fitting in the recess for increasing structural rigidity.

Re - Claim 22: Padden discloses a movable part having an upper covering layer and a lower covering layer said fitting being arranged there between. (see figure 1)

Re - claim 23: the applicant's prior art as disclosed above in view of Padden discloses a fitting glued with said upper covering layer and said lower covering layer.

5. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's prior art disclosure in view of Hertzberg, further in view of ordinary skill in the art and further in view of Padden.

The applicant discloses as prior art a fitting for connecting a movable part of an aircraft with a structural component of the aircraft, wherein the movable part is made of a composite material and wherein the moveable part is a control surface.

Hertzberg discloses that it is known to manufacture aircraft components with composite synthetic compositions.

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The applicant's prior art disclosure in view of Hertzberg does not specifically disclose manufacturing a fitting made of a synthetic composite material. However it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to manufacture a fitting as a synthetic composite material since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. In re Leshin 125 USPQ 416.

Further it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to use adhesives to bond the fittings to a movable structure as taught by Hertzberg (see Col. 5, lines 8-40).

As disclosed above The applicant's prior art disclosure teaches every aspect of the present invention except where the movable part has an upper covering layer and a lower covering layer and said fitting being arranged and glued there between. Padden discloses a movable part having an upper covering layer and a lower covering layer of fiber reinforced fabric and said fitting being arranged there between. (see Figure 1). It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to glue a fitting between a upper and lower covering layer for increasing structural rigidity of a movable part.

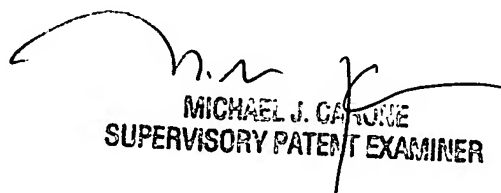
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone can be reached on 703 306-4198. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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